(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) In order to increase the production and export of marine products from the country, Government is taking a number of steps, which include the schemes for extending financial assistance for upgrading processing facilities, expansion of aquaculture, imparting of training to aquaculture farmers, assistance for production of value-added products and marketing support.

Reservation in the private sector

2425. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any Act, to provide reservations in the private sector; and

(b) if not, the details as to how Government are going to meet the share of lost jobs of SCs and STs in Government services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government is sensitive to the issue of affirmative action including reservation in the private sector. A Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted in September 2004 to initiate a dialogue with all stakeholders to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of youth particularly those belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST). In order to carry forward the process of facilitating the participation of SCs and STs in private sector jobs further, a Coordination Committee was constituted by the Prime Minister's Office in October 2006 to ensure time-bound examination of the suggestions received from various stake holders & to identify the concrete steps arising from these and their mode of implementation.

Expansion of Indo-Russian bilateral business

2426. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: